GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OPERATIVE AND INOPERATIVE AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Airports that are operative and inoperative;

(b) whether there is any proposal/plan to utilise the inoperative Airports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) :- The names of operative airports in the country are Agartala, Agatti, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Bhavnagar, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Calicut, Chennai, Coimbatore, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Dehradun, Delhi, Kangra, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Imphal, Indore, Jaipur, Jabalpur, Kolkata, Kullu-Manali, Keshod, Lucknow, Madurai, Mangalore,Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Porbandar, Raipur, Rajkot, Ranchi, Trichy, Tirupati, Vadodara, Varanasi, Behala, Belgaum, Juhu, Safdarjung, Hubli, Kandla, Kanpur, Kota, Ludhiana, North Lakhimpur, Pantnagar, Pondicherry, Salem, Shillong, Trivandrum, Tuticorin, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry. The operative Civil Encalves are Agra, Bagdogra, Bangalore, Bhuj, Chandigarh, Goa, Gwalior, Jammu, Jamnagar, Jodhpur, Jorhat, Leh, Port Blair, Pune, Silchar, Srinagar, Tejpur, and Visakhapatnam.

The names of inoperative airports are Aizwal, Akola, Balurghat, Bilaspur, Chakulia Coochbehar, Cuddappah, Deesa,Donakunda, Gaya, Hassan, Hadapsar, Jhansi, Jharsuguda, Jogbani, Kailashahar, Kamalpur, Khandawa, Khowai, Lalitpur, Malda, Muzaffarpur, Mysore, Nadirgul, Panna, Passighat, Raxaul, Rupsi, Satna, Shella, Sholapur and Warrangal. Theinoperative Civil Enclaves are Allahabad, Along, Bikaner, Daporizo, Gorakhpur, Jaisalmer, Kanpur(Chakeri), Tezu and Zero.

Apart from the above, the airports at Lengpui, Kohlapur, Surat, Diu belonging to the respective State Governments, Puttaparty of Sri Sai Baba Trust and Cochin owned by Cochin International Airport Limited are also operative.

(b) and (c) :- Airlines are free to operate from/to any airport in the country depending upon traffic potential and availability of aircraft. Airports Authority of India have requested the State Governments to take over the non-operational airports for developing these for civil aviation activities. Only airports at Sholapur and Kolhapurhave been leased out to the State Government of Maharashtra.No other State Government has responded positively to such proposal.